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Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Cannot the hon. the Minister give some information ? The Director's report is there with him."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice."

Prevention of teachers from smoking in the presence of their pupils.

* 63 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any circular has been issued or is proposed to be issued directing that teachers should not smoke in the presence of their pupils in the class-room or in the school or college premises ?

A.—A circular in the following terms was issued by the Director of Public Instruction in April 1929 :—

" The heads of all educational institutions are hereby informed that teachers should not be allowed to smoke in class rooms."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to issue instructions to the Director of Public Instruction to see that teachers ought to be informed that smoking should not be indulged in by them not only inside the class-room but also outside the class-room within the school premises ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I believe that is the instruction."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to bring forward legislation on the subject ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I do not think a case has been made out for such legislation."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister will issue instructions to the effect that smoking should not be indulged in by the teachers in the precincts of the school ? Because it is mentioned here in the answer that the instructions are only in regard to the class-room ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That will be done."

Opening of girls' schools in South Kanara.

* 64 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : With reference to my question No. 1682 answered on 11th March 1929 regarding the opening of girls' schools in South Kanara, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the information received from the Director of Public Instruction ?

A.—The report received from the Director of Public Instruction is placed on the Council table.[a]

Local Boards

Introduction of Bills to amend the Local Boards Act, District Municipalities Act, etc.

* 65 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state when he proposes to introduce in the Council—

(i) the Bill to amend the Local Boards Act ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 239–240 infra.

(2) the Bill to amend the District Municipalities Act;
(3) the Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act; and
(4) the Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act?

A.—(1) & (2) In the October meeting of the Council. It was hoped to introduce the Bills in this meeting but there was not time to obtain the Government of India's sanction.
(3) & (4) When ready.

11-15 a.m. Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to clauses (3) and (4) of the question, may I know whether the Government can give any idea approximately of the time when they expect these Bills to be ready?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Perhaps the Elementary Education Bill may be ready by October, but not the Religious Endowments Bill."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. Minister how long this Endowments Bill has been under consideration?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As far as I am concerned, for the last one year."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether there is any order from the Government of India that private Bills should not be opposed on the ground that the Local Government are going to introduce their own Bills?"

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"May I know whether the Government have applied for the sanction of the Government of India?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"It is in the process of going to the Government of India."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"May I know whether they are going to apply for sanction for all the provisions?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Yes. For all the provisions that require the sanction of the Government of India."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"Does the hon. the Minister propose to apply for sanction for all the Bills which require the Government of India's sanction?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Yes."

Municipalities

Liability of railway administration to pay property tax to the concerned municipalities.

*66 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the Memorandum No. 33278-2/B-L. & M., dated 6th November 1926, whether this Government moved the Government of India to issue a revised notification declaring the liability of railway administrations to pay property tax to the concerned municipalities and whether the revised notification has been issued and, if so, when; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether this Government will secure the issue of the necessary revised notification by the Government of India?